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WFA RELEASES
MORE PRUNES

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11 -- An additional 12 million pounds of dried

prunes from the 1943 crop is being released through regular trade channels for civilian consumption by the War Food Administration, Buell F. Maben, regional director of food distribution, announced today.

This action brings the total of dried prunes available for civilian use to 248 million pounds out of a total 1943 pack of about 432 million pounds. Of this total, California packs approximately 92½%, Oregon about 7%, and Washington the remainder.

Packers are required by War Food Order 16 to set aside the entire 1943 pack of dried prunes, raisins, apples, apricots, peaches, pears and currents for government war use. WFO 16 provides, however, for release of such quantities of these dried fruits for civilian consumption as are not needed for direct war purposes. It was in line with this policy that today's release was made, Maben said.

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BEEF SET-ASIDE CHANGED - Beef cattle coming to market are sufficient to permit on May 15 reduction of the government set aside order from 40 percent to 35 percent, according to announcement made today by the War Food Administration.

The set aside provision, contained in War Food Order 75, requires Federally inspected packers to set aside a stated percentage of their choice, good, commercial and utility steer and heifer beef for purchase by the armed forces and war services.

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FATS AND OILS CHANGED -- Ten percent more fats and oils may be used by manufacturers of paints, varnishes, linoleum and similar products, under a newly amended War Food Administration order which will have the effect of abolishing all quota restrictions for some 250 manufacturers, according to the WFA regional Office of Distribution.

At the same time Buell F. Maben, western regional director of food distribution, said that remaining restrictions on the use of essential fats and oils will continue to be enforced, as evidenced in the prosecution this week of a Texas paint manufacturer.

The Collins-Davoust Company of Dallas, Texas, was fined \$3,500 today in Federal Court, when it pleaded nolo contendere to the charge that it exceeded its 1943 fats and oils quota by 142,454 pounds.

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